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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated 11/20/2003, please amend the above-identified application as shown below:

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

SIGNALLING

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A method of communications ~~employing~~employs a communications protocols defining respective responses to predetermined events ~~comprising~~separating said the The protocol is separated into a first group of behaviours defining responses to

corresponding first, relatively frequently occurring, events, and a second group of behaviours defining responses to corresponding first, relatively frequently occurring, events, and a second group of behaviours defining responses to corresponding second, relatively infrequently occurring events; ~~The~~storing~~said~~ first group is stored at a ~~first~~user communications terminal. ~~storing~~~~at~~ At least ~~said~~the second group is stored at a store remote from ~~said first~~the user terminal, and interconnected therewith via a communications channel; ~~communicating~~Communication is established from ~~said first~~the user terminal using ~~said first~~events. ~~on~~On detecting an event other than one of ~~said the first events at said first~~the user terminal, ~~signalling~~ event holding data is signaled from ~~said the~~ store to ~~said first~~the user terminal; and ~~communicating~~communication is established from ~~said first~~the user terminal using ~~said the~~ event-handling data.